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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure, enclosed is a copy of IDS Citation Form 1449A/PTO, together with a copy of the document cited on that form, which are being submitted before the mailing of a final Office Action. It is respectfully requested that the cited reference be considered and that the enclosed copy of Form 1449A/PTO be initialed by the Examiner to indicate such consideration and a copy thereof returned to the Applicant. The reference was cited in a Written Opinion dated July 1, 2004 in a counterpart PCT application.

It is hereby stated that, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

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